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TOP SECRET EYES ONLY GENERAL RIDGWAY FROM

~~In view of your message 242.~~

1. You are hereby authorized to use the United States Forces assigned to the Far East Command to conduct air reconnaissance of the enemy air bases in Manchuria and the Shantung Peninsula. Such reconnaissance should, if practicable, be made at high altitude and as surreptitously as possible.

2. In the event of a major enemy air attack from outside Korea against United Nations forces in the Korean area, as outlined in Par 5 of your 242, you are hereby authorized at your discretion without further reference to the JCS or higher authority, to attack enemy air bases in Manchuria and in the Shantung peninsula. The authority here granted will not be deligated, except to your successor in command should you become a casualty. However authority to attack should only be used in the event that in your judgement time and circumstances do not permit reference to the JCS.

3. The consequences of the action authorized may set in chain a course of events making it of the utmost importance to have the support of the other countries and the right to use facilities and bases controlled by them. This support may depend upon consulting or at least informing them of the action prior to its occurrence. If at all possible you should seek JCS advice before taking action and in any case you should inform the JCS immediately and withhold publicity until notification of allies has taken place.

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